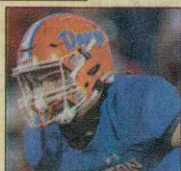


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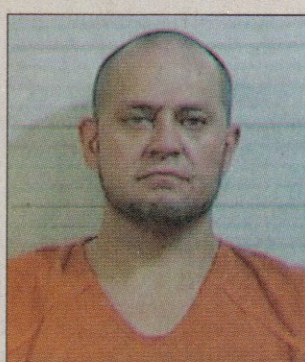
District Attorney announces receiving stolen property 1st conviction of habitual offender

Kenneth Paul McLendon appeared Wednesday, Sept. 10, for a jury trial in the Enterprise Division of Coffee County on the charge of Receiving Stolen Property 1st Degree.

Circuit Judge Henry "Sonny" Reagan presided over the trial. The State of Alabama was represented by Assistant District Attorney Kylie Crespo with assistance at trial by Assistant District Attorney Jeremy Mitchell.

After deliberating for approximately a half hour, the jury returned a guilty verdict.

12th Judicial District Attorney James Tarbox said McLendon was charged with being in possession of a stolen 2008 BMW



Kenneth Paul McLendon

sedan. The Enterprise Police Department received a report of the stolen vehicle and ultimately the vehicle was recovered at McLendon's residence with the assistance of the Coffee County Sheriff's Office.

"When questioned, defendant McLendon stated that he purchased the vehicle

on Facebook Marketplace for \$3,000, but he had no documentation to support his claim," Tarbox said. McLendon's significant other gave a statement to law enforcement and testified at trial that she purchased the vehicle for \$3,800 from a couple she randomly met in the Dollar General parking lot at 9 p.m. one night, and that she had the vehicle brought to McLendon's house.

"I am thankful for the diligence and hard work of ADA Crespo in trying this case," Tarbox said. "Receiving stolen property cases are difficult for the State to prove because the burden of proof requires the State to show that the Defendant knew or reasonably should have known that the property was stolen. Kylie did a great job presenting the case and helping the jury understand the facts and issues involved in this case."

Tarbox further stated, "Records show that defendant McLendon has 13 prior felony convictions, including nine drug related felonies, two prior receiving stolen property felonies, a felony escape, and a felony domestic violence conviction. In addition, records indicate he has 22 misdemeanor and violation convictions. This case is subject to the Presumptive Sentencing Guidelines and the maximum sentence allowed in this case will be 154 months in the state penitentiary, despite Defendant McLendon's extensive criminal history. Defendant McLendon will be eligible for correctional incentive time if sentenced to a straight executed sentence by Judge Reagan."

A sentencing hearing will be scheduled on a date yet to be determined.



The students of Kinston High School have selected their 2025 Homecoming Court. Chosen as Homecoming Queen is Lilli Sumblin. Representing the senior class as attendants are Maddie Williamson and Sarakate Danford. Other class attendants include Maggie Martin, sophomore; Paisley Clark, junior; and Kylee Jerkins, freshman. Homecoming activities at Kinston will begin with the annual parade on Thursday, Sept. 18, at 1 p.m. The Homecoming Queen and her court will be presented during halftime of the Bulldogs' game against Georgiana, scheduled to kick off at 7 p.m. Thursday night in Kinston

Elba Public Library used Dollar General grant funds to enhance Summer Learning Program

Dollar General grant programs supports literacy organizations that serve students of all ages in Dollar General hometown communities. The Summer Reading Grant helps to keep students engaged in reading throughout the summer. These grants support the creation or expansion of summer reading programs. The Elba Public Library was the recipient of Dollar General grant monies this summer where funds were

used to purchase supplies and books to enhance the library's Summer Learning Program, according to Elba Public Library director Jennifer Amlong. The theme of the summer program this year was "Color Our World".

"I think it is important for our community to know that when you choose to 'round up' at the Dollar General register to support literacy, some of that money does come back to us and is used

in communities like ours all over the country," Amlong said.

The staff of the Elba Public Library feels summer is one of the most important times for the library. According to The Governor's Early Literacy Foundation the "Summer Slide" is learning loss that students can experience when out of school over summer. Studies show that kids lose significant knowledge in reading and math over summer break, which tends to have a snowball effect as they experience subsequent skill loss year after year.

"As we say at EPL, our brains need exercise all summer," Amlong said. "We try to engage children in fun activities that create joy and hopefully spark interest so that children will be compelled to read all summer. The Dollar General grant helped us in providing that opportunity."



Elba Public Library director Jennifer Amlong (center) is shown with local Dollar General reps as she thanked them for their help in enhancing the local library's summer reading program through grant funding.

Welcome Home, Soldier!



Those attending the New Brockton vs. Daleville football game last Friday evening, Sept. 12, witnessed a special reunion as an Enterprise Rescue helicopter delivered Staff Sergeant John Burns home to his family! Sgt. Burns had been on an deployment assignment, and his son Jaythen Medley was unsure if he would make it home for his senior season as a member of the Gamecock Band. Last Friday, Jaythen's hopes and prayers were answered when his dad returned home from service. After exiting the aircraft, the two shared an emotional embrace on the 50-yardline of the football field as onlookers joyfully cheered! It was an exciting moment for all, and one this military family will not soon forget! To add to the joyous night, the Gamecocks added a victory to their season!



Coffee County Extension Office to host Heirs Property Workshop

The Coffee County Extension Office will host an Heirs Property Workshop on Tuesday, Oct. 7, from 6-8 p.m.

At this workshop, participants will learn about commonly faced heirs property issues, hear from experts, engage in Q&A, and receive resources and tools. Call 334-894-5596 or text 334-752-1767 by Friday, Oct. 3, to reserve a spot in this workshop.

The Coffee County Extension office is located at 1055 E McKinnon St., New Brockton.

Elba High School gearing up for Homecoming 2025

Elba City Schools will celebrate Homecoming 2025 on Friday, Oct. 3rd.

This year's theme is: "There's No Place Like Elba" and the football opponent is Red Level.

Here are some events already scheduled for the week...

PARADE - Friday, Oct. 3rd @ 3:00 p.m.

Lineup for the parade will begin at 1:30 with the parade beginning promptly at 3 p.m. from the old high school location. Travel will be one way from the stadium toward Windham Lumber. No vehicle or entry should attempt to enter from Windham Lumber.

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facebook page OR call the High School office.

OTHER HOMECOMING EVENTS!

Monday, Sept. 22 - Homecoming Dance Tickets go on sale.

Thursday, Oct. 2 - Homecoming Bonfire @ 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 3 - 9 a.m. - Homecoming Coronation at Tiger Stadium

Saturday, Oct. 4, beginning at 8 a.m. at the Elba

Country Club - the Elba High School Alumni Association will hold its annual membership meeting. A dutch treat breakfast buffet will be served that morning. You do not have to eat to attend the meeting. All Elba High School alumni and friends of Elba High School are encouraged to attend this meeting to hear about ways the association supports Elba City Schools. Only \$20 to be a member.

Area Happenings

The Coffee County Soil & Water Conservation District will hold its monthly board meeting along with the annual Work Group Meeting on Thursday, Sept. 18, at the Coffee County Extension Kitchen, located at 1055 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton. The meeting will start at 9 a.m. If planning to attend, call 334-894-5581 x3. Space is limited.

The local AGLOW International Meeting will be Saturday, Sept. 20, at 10 a.m. at the Gathering Room [behind the First United Methodist Church Office, 217 S Main St., Enterprise]. Guest speaker will be Terry Tripp.

The Elba Lions Club will meet Tuesday, Sept. 23, at 6 p.m. at the Elba Senior Center. There will be a guest speaker attending. All members are asked to attend.

Notice:

The Elba Public Library Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m., inside the community room at the library unless otherwise posted.

EDITORIAL



The Zion Chapel Class of 1975 will have its 50th Class Reunion on Saturday, Oct. 11, at Terry Wilson's Farmhouse. The reunion will begin at 5:30 p.m. For more informatin, call Dorothy Ziglar at (850) 333-0803. Class members pictured above from their senior year include: (front) Karen Green, Peggy Parker, Marcy Nelson, Cindi Ward, Rhonda Smart, Pat Bogar, Mary Pearson, Dorothy Nunn, Mary Lois Byrd; (second row) Teresa Wilson, Michelle Moultry, Linda Liptrot, Margaret Moultry, Gertrude Coleman, Diane Lewis, Terri Wilson, Pam Childress; (Third Row) Wade Stinson, Jackie Boutwell, Rex Jackson, Keith Fuller, Johnny Brooks, Jeff Kelley, Ted Smart, Douglas McWaters; (back row) Gerald Davis, Melvin Arnold, Richard Adair, Sam Turner, Keith Stephens, Rex Marler, and Larry Grant. Not pictured: Danny Cole and Charles McClain.

Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Publisher

Last week, we shared a word search puzzle in the newspaper. This particular word search included several Elba business names, but it was not an entire list of Elba businesses. When we got to looking at this the word search last week probably covered only half of the businesses in Elba! So, we are planning to bring some more word searches to our readers over the next few weeks and hopefully include even more of the local businesses. Again, these may not reflect all, but our word search creator is doing his best to try and get them all! At last count, we had come up with some 120-plus businesses/organizations here...Wow!

There has been some cooler air this week, especially in the early mornings and evenings. We have been enjoying this "fall like" feel by driving around with a portion our Jeep top out. It definitely has been a great reminder that the time of year for bonfires and bowls of soup are just around the corner. We certainly hope you have enjoyed the nice weather we have experienced the past few weeks!

In a follow-up to last week's column where we discussed the need for our garbage collector in Elba - MDI - to do a better job with things like closing the container lids and moving the containers off the roadways...well, we understand a conversation with the folks at city hall and the MDI representatives may have gone in the direction citizens wanted! Reportedly, after it was pointed out to the company reps that citizens in Elba were not very happy with these things, they promised to do a better job in making sure the lids are closed and the containers are out of the roadway. Now, all we can do is keep an eye out and see if that does indeed happen. We hope the company is one that keeps it word and this will soon be a past problem and not one we continually battle. We also extend our thanks to the folks at city hall for bringing this to the company's attention in an effort to get it fixed for the citizens!

The Elba Police Report and Tales from Yonder will return next week!

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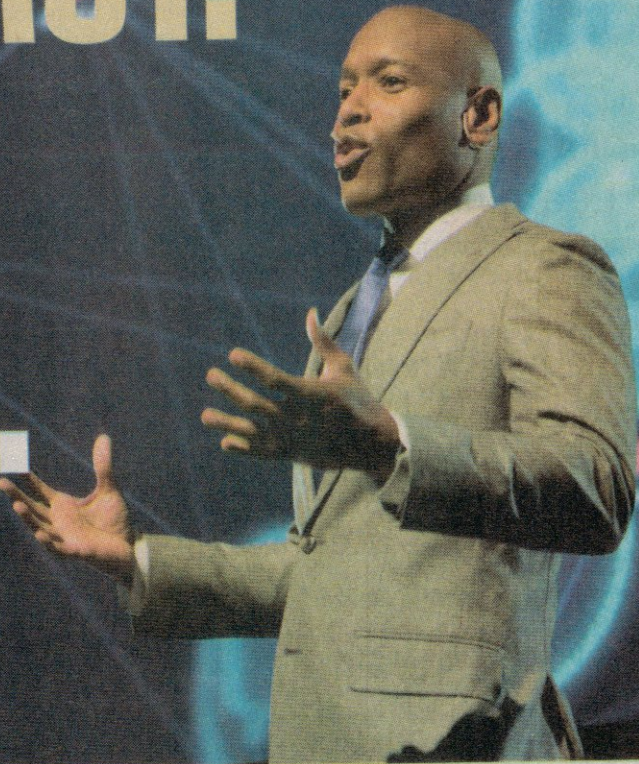
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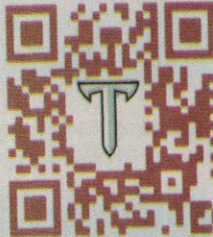
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Obituaries

DANIEL KENDALL BUIE III

Mr. Daniel Kendall "Ken" Buie III, age 55, of Elba, Ala., died Monday, Sept. 15, 2025, at his home.



He was born Aug. 14, 1970 in Montgomery, Ala.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at Evergreen Cemetery in Elba at a later date with Bro. Garry Winstead officiating. Coleman Funeral Home of Elba is serving the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Ino Baptist Church Shoebox Ministry, 6157 Hwy. 134, Kinston, AL 36453.

He is preceded in death by his father, Daniel K. Buie Jr.

Survivors include his mother and step father, Earnestine "Tina" and Billy Morgan, of Elba, his daughter, Crystal Lynn Buie, and four grandchildren.

DORIS DOSTER

Mrs. Doris Doster, age 93, a resident of Jack, Ala., died Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025, at her home.



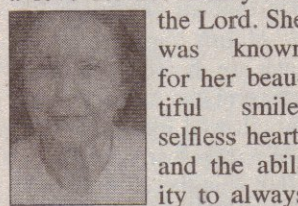
Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2025, at Haw Hill Assembly of God Church with Rev. Paul Nelson and Rev. Larry Doster officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

Doris was preceded in death by her husband, Travis Doster; by her parents, Vaneria Bragg Mobley and V.C. Mobley; along with her brother, Marlin Mobley.

Survivors include her son, Larry (Roxie) Doster, Opelika, Ala.; daughters, Lynn (Detrect) Skinner, Enterprise, Ala., Lauri (Randy) Kleven, New Brockton, Ala.; grandchildren, Eric (Yvette) Nelson - whom she raised, Caleb (Meredith) Doster, Daniel Doster, Detrect Skinner, Donald Skinner, Madison (Jared) McCarrey, and Delaney (Wesley) Smith. She was also blessed with 21 1/2 great-grandchildren and four great great-grandchildren.

JANE ELIZABETH MORROW

Aunt Jane was a strong, independent woman with a love for her family and the Lord. She was known for her beautiful smile, selfless heart, and the ability to always put the ones she loved first.



She was born in Pike County, Alabama, and grew up out at Danley Crossroads. She remained at her family home until she moved into an assisted living facility a few years ago.

Making the Grade at the Collegiate Level:

Holliegh Maughon of Elba has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Summer 2025 Dean's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Look for a new Word Search Puzzle in next week's paper!

ago. Aunt Jane was a very strong-willed woman with a work ethic that anyone could admire. She went to work right out of high school and did not go back to attend college until she was in her fifties. She graduated from what was then known as Troy State University with a Bachelor's degree in business administration and a Master's degree in accounting. She then worked at HRDC up until her retirement at the age of 79.

After a life well lived, Jane departed this life on Friday, Sept. 12, 2025, surrounded by her family, while under the care of the nurses and staff at The Terraces at Grove Park in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held Monday, Sept. 15, 2025, at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Olan Strickland officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery.

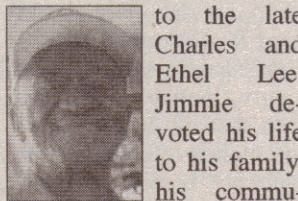
Jane was preceded in death by her parents, Fellis Franklin and Elma Dorrough Morrow; brothers, Floyd and Jerry Morrow; and a sister, Jeanette Aldridge.

Survivors include her brothers, Ben Morrow, Elba, and Marion (Gail) Morrow, Dothan, Ala.; sister, Sue Sellers, Monroeville, Ala.; and a host of nieces and nephews, as well as great-nieces and nephews.

JIMMIE L. LEE

Mr. Jimmie L. Lee, age 84, died Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025.

He was born June 7, 1943



to the late Charles and Ethel Lee. Jimmie devoted his life to his family, his community, and his craft. A skilled carpenter by trade, he built more than just homes and projects—he built lasting relationships and memories with everyone who had the blessing of knowing him. Known for his outgoing spirit and warm heart, Jimmie never met a stranger. He had a gift for making people feel welcome and valued, and his presence brought joy and laughter wherever he went. He truly loved people, and people truly loved him. He will be remembered as

a loving father and brother, and a proud grandfather, a man who touched countless lives through his kindness, generosity, and dedication. His legacy lives on not only in the work of his hands but in the love he shared so freely. Survivors include his wife: Lillie Lee; his children, Anna Marie (James), Angela Lee, Mickey Daniels, Andrew Lee, James Lee, Ricky (Christine) Lee, Lucious Lee, Fred Lee, Ester Lee, Keith Lee, and Miranda Lee; 20 grandchildren; siblings, Willie Mae, Charles Jr. Lamar, Nathaniel, Doug, Voncille, Willie C, and Fred; and special friends, Charlie T. Jordan and Craig Head.

LASHONDRIEA CHARKIA JONES

Ms. Lashondrea Charkia Jones, age 53, of New Brockton, Ala., died Aug. 20, 2025.



She was a woman who lit up every room and whose kindness touched every soul she met. Born in Newark, NJ, she was the daughter of the late Jacqueline Jones and Michael James. She graduated from Trenton School for the deaf. She enjoyed eating seafood boils, playing uno, shopping, being with her kids and grandchildren, and watching Lifetime movies.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 30, 2025 from the Chapel of Coleman Funeral Home in Elba, Ala.

Survivors include her children, Belinda Jones-Pitt, Lakia Jones-Pitt, and Charles Jones-Pitt; fiancé, Cornelius Crawford; step daughter, Ashanti Crawford; grandchildren, Oaklynn Mobley, Braylon Copes, Bryson Shufford, Brynlee Shufford, and Nyles Jones-Pitt; siblings, Al-Toriek Jones Washington, Michael James (Cassandra James), and Crystal James.

LAURA WOOD

Ms. Laura Wood, age 83, a resident of Jack, Ala., died Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2025, at her home. Arrangements will be announced upon completion by Hayes Funeral Home of Elba.

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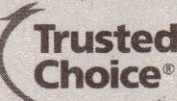
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Members of the Elba High School Class of 1957 gather for lunch



The Elba High School class of 1957 held their monthly lunch meeting at the Elba Country Club on Thursday September 11, 2025. The group enjoyed the delicious meal that was served by Dawn and Anthony. Dawn had the dining area decorated with black table covers, each of the table were decorated with gold sunflowers. The class members immediately started remembering and sharing school stories. The laughter was probably even heard outside. The meal was enjoyed by class mates; Howard Prescott, Marise Prescott, Elaine Martin, Mary Jo Boswell, Jimmy Boswell, Patsy Goodson, Becky Hayes, Ella Daniels, and Ralph Cooper.

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First responders are the dedicated individuals who rush to the scene when emergencies unfold. They encompass a diverse range of professionals, including paramedics, firefighters, police officers, and emergency medical technicians (EMTs). Their unwavering commitment and rapid response are what make them the lifelines of our communities.

When the alarm sounds, first responders jump into action with unparalleled expertise. Paramedics and EMTs provide critical medical care, rendering aid to the injured and transporting them to hospitals. Firefighters combat blazes and rescue individuals from perilous situations, all while ensuring the safety of the surroundings. Police officers maintain law and order, securing the scene and assisting with evacuations if necessary. In these dire moments, their courage and skill can mean the difference between life and death.

The role of first responders doesn't end with emergency interventions. These professionals are also dedicated to disaster preparedness, ensuring that communities are equipped to handle crises before they happen. They engage in continuous training, mastering the latest techniques and technologies to provide the best care possible. Their presence at community events and educational programs fosters safety awareness and builds rapport with the public they serve.

In times of crisis, first responders often work hand in hand with funeral homes, forming a vital partnership to navigate the aftermath of tragedy. The collaboration between these two entities ensures that the deceased are treated with the utmost respect and dignity. Funeral homes work closely with first responders to provide support to grieving families, offering guidance during a challenging period. This synergy allows for seamless coordination, enabling families to focus on healing while professionals take care of logistics.

In the grand tapestry of our society, the selflessness, bravery, and tireless dedication of first responders echoes loudly in the moments when we need them most. They embody the essence of compassion and service, proving that heroes walk among us every day. As we acknowledge their sacrifices, let us remember that the first responders are the unsung guardians of our safety, tirelessly working to ensure that we can live our lives with peace of mind.

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Case No.: PR-2025-171

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration *cum testamento annexo*, of said deceased having been granted to Vickie Deneen Reynolds, Administrator *cum testamento annexo*, on the 9th day of September, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Done this the 9th day of September, 2025.
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF Wade H. Paramore, DECEASED
CASE NO: PR-2025-175

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Shirley G. Paramore as Personal Representative of the Estate of Wade H. Paramore, deceased, on the 27th day of August, 2025, by the Probate Judge of Coffee County. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
Shirley G. Paramore, Personal Representative of the Estate of Wade H. Paramore.
c/o April D. Wise, Esq. Attorney for the Personal Representative
Balch & Bingham LLP
4445 Dexter Avenue, Suite 8000
Montgomery, AL 36104

The above Legal Notice is hereby authorized and approved by the Judge of Probate on this 27th day of August, 2025.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
9/4, 11 & 18-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF COREY LYNN RICE, DECEASED.

ASHLEY DIANNE RICE, PETITIONER
Case No.: 25-0086

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATRIX

Take notice that Letters of Administration having been granted to Ashley Dianne Rice, as Administratrix of the Estate of Corey Lynn Rice, who departed from this life on the 11th day of April, 2025, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law or same will be barred.
Ashley Dianne Rice
Administratrix of the Estate of Corey Lynn Rice, deceased.
Counsel for the Estate
David W. Rousseau, Esq.
Rousseau Law Firm
Post Office Box 10
Hartford, Alabama 36344
(334)588-3333
Facsimile: (334)588-0046
9/4, 11 & 18-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BETTY J. COXWELL Deceased,
CASE NO.: 2025-126

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said Deceased having been granted to Alicia Weed, on the 26 day of August 2025, by the Honorable Toby Seay, Probate Judge of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Alicia Weed
Alicia Weed
Personal Representative
R. Bruce Hall, Attorney
Post Office Box 1748
Dothan, Alabama 36302
334-793-3610
9/4, 11 & 18-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: The estate of

PAUL PHILLIPS, Deceased.
CASE NO. PR 2025-167

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Take notice that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Shallis Phillips Strickland, as Personal Representative of the estate of Paul Phillips Strickland, deceased on the 30th day of May, 2025, by the Honorable Judge of Probate. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Gary D Bradshaw
Gary D Bradshaw (BRA074)
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 311412
Enterprise, AL 36331-1412
(334)393-6439 / (334)393-7163 fax
9/4, 11 & 18-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF RUSSELL EDWIN HOLLINHEAD, DECEASED
CASE NO. PR-2025-108

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Clayton E. Hollinhead, Personal Representative, on the 3rd day of September, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge
Coffee County, Alabama
9/11, 18 & 25-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JIMMY PERCY BOYKINS, Deceased.
CASE NO. PR-2025-181

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Alison Frazier as Administrator of the Estate of Jimmy Percy Boykins, deceased, on the 3rd day of September 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
9/11, 18 & 25-pd

IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GLADYS JANE MERRIHEW, Deceased
CASE NO: PR-2025-173

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters of Administration on the Estate of GLADYS JANE MERRIHEW, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 4th day of September, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.
/s/ Gerry N. Merrihew
Gerry N. Merrihew
Administrator of said Estate
9/11, 18 & 25-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CYNTHIA DEE LONG, DECEASED
CASE NO. PC-2025-066

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Karen Henley, Personal Representative, on the 2nd day of September, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge
Coffee County, Alabama
9/11, 18, 25-pd.

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

Notice is hereby given that L&K Contracting Co., Inc., 2187 Hartford Hwy, Taylor, AL 36305 has completed all work on the SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM FOR GRIFFIN AND HENDRIX AVE; CWSRF PROJECT NO. CS010936-01 in the Geneva Water Works and Sewer Board; Geneva County, Alabama. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the above named contractor and the Manager of the Geneva Water Works and Sewer Board.
9/11, 18 & 25-pd.

IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of George Adams, Deceased.
CASE NO.: PR-2025-180

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to J. E. Sawyer, Jr., Personal Representative, on the 27th day of August, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
DONE this the 27th day of August, 2025.
/s/ Jodee Thompson
Jodee Thompson, Probate Judge
9/11, 18 & 25-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of Donna Roland aka Donna Jean Roland, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2025-172

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Donna Roland aka Donna Jean Roland, deceased, having been granted to Joseph B. Roland, Personal Representative, on the 9th day of September, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
Done this the 9th day September, 2025.
/s/Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge
9/18, 25 & 10/2-pd

LEGAL NOTICES: Continued from Pages 4 & 10

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION CASE NO.: CV-2025-900105.00

SAMUEL B. REDMON, Plaintiff VS.

Parcel ID: 17-01-02-0-000-010.000, THE SE ¼ OF SE 1/4, S02-T3N-R22E, COFFEE COUNTY, ENTERPRISE, ALABAMA, AND OTHERS WHO CLAIM INTEREST, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

The parcel of land located at State Highway 167 and Highway 92 in Coffee County, Enterprise, Alabama, and anyone who claims an interest in the subject property known as Parcel ID: 17-01-02-0-000-010.000, whose present whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Complaint to Quiet Title of Plaintiff, Samuel B. Redmon, in the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama, Enterprise Division, and other relief on or before October 18, 2025, or thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against the Defendants in Case No.: CV-2025-900105.00, Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama, Enterprise Division. /s/ Amy L. Reeves Circuit Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff
Jeffery D. Hatcher
P.O. Box 189
Geneva, AL 36340
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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: The estate of LOIS DIANA BRANSON, Deceased. CASE NO. PR 2025-168

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Take notice that Letters Testamentary having been granted to KENNETH FRANKLIN BRANSON, as Personal Representative of the estate of Lois Diana Branson, deceased on the 30th day of July, 2025, by Honorable Jodee Thompson.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Gary D Bradshaw
Gary D Bradshaw (BRA074)
Attorney for Petitioner
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9/4, 11 & 18-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GLENDA LOUISE REECE, Deceased. CASE NO. PR-2025-177

Take notice that Letters of Administration having been granted to Craig Pritchett as Administrator of the Estate of Glenda Louise Reece, deceased, on the 27th day of August, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
9/4, 11 & 18-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NO.: PR-2025-151

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONNIE KENNINGTON, DECEASED

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of DONNIE KENNINGTON, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the

27th day of August, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.

/s/ Tina Patrick
Tina Patrick
Personal Representative of said Estate
9/4, 11 & 18-pd

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS MODULAR CLASSROOM RELOCATION AT NEW BROCKTON MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR THE COFFEE COUNTY SCHOOLS ELBA, ALABAMA MCKEE PROJECT NO. 25-210

Requirements: Separate sealed proposals shall be received by Mrs. Kelly Cobb, Superintendent at the Coffee County Board of Education, 400 Reddoch Hill Road Elba, AL 36323 until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, September 23, 2025, then opened and read aloud for the following:

Proposals: Bidders to include all work per proposal at both sites, demo and new installation:

Proposal A - Electrical
Proposal B - Fire Alarm
Proposal C - Walkways, ramps, steps
Proposal D - Plumbing

All Contractors bidding this work shall be required to visit the site and examine all existing conditions prior to submitting their proposal(s). Contact Dwayne Hamilton at (334) 897-5016 and refer to the specifications, "Scope of work".

All Bidders shall have general liability and workman's compensation insurance. All Proposals shall be bid excluding taxes. All bidders must be licensed by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Architect. All bidders shall show such evidence by clearly displaying current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered.

All RFIs and RFAs regarding the bid documents shall be sent and addressed through emails found on the RFI and RFA forms in the project manual. **NOTE: ONLY THE RFI AND RFA FORMS IN THE PROJECT MANUAL WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

The Architect will not accept inquiries via telephone or fax.

Completion Time: See Scope of Work in Project Manual

Supervision: Contractor to ensure proper supervision for all work.

Owner: Coffee County Schools, Phone: (334) 897-5016

Architect: McKee and Associates, Architecture and Interior Design, 631 South Hull Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104, Phone: 334.834.9933
9/4,11&18-chg.

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, 13th day of June, 2007, a certain Mortgage was executed by June M. Moseley a/k/a Mary June Moseley, a single person, in favor of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and was recorded on July 9, 2007 in OFFREC Book 623, Page 212, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Geneva County, Alabama, and

WHEREAS, the Mortgage was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and WHEREAS, the Mortgage is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment; said mortgage transferred and assigned to Nationstar Mortgage, LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company and recorded in OFFREC Book 970, Pg 24;

said mortgage transferred and assigned to Mortgage Assets Management, LLC and recorded in OFFREC Book 1166, Pg 101; said mortgage transferred and assigned to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and recorded in OFFREC Book 1185, Pg 309 et seq., in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Geneva County, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Mortgage in that the payment due on April 9, 2025, was not made and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan to currency; and WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of May 9, 2025 is \$207,793.47; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the mortgage to be immediately due and payable;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded in OFFREC Book: 1285, Page: 266, in the Probate Records of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby giving that on the **9th day of October, 2025** between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at a public auction in front of the main entrance of the Geneva County, Alabama, Courthouse, in the City of Geneva, Geneva County, Alabama, to the highest bidder:

THE EAST 125' OF LOT 10, AND LOT 9, BLOCK "B", JERNIGAN ADDITION #2, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA. PLAT OF SAID ADDITION RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK, PAGE 54, RECORDS OF THE PROBATE OFFICE, GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA. June M. Moseley is the surviving grantee of the deed recorded in Deed Book 21, Pg 626. The other grantee Joel H. Moseley died on June 18, 2001. Property being sold "AS IS". Property is subject to any title deficiencies. No representation is made as to the title to the subject property. Commonly known as: 604 W Camelia St., Geneva, AL 36340.

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid \$217,137.07 plus interest, fees and costs. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorate share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale.

When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling

\$21,713.70 [10% of the Secretary's bid] in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$21,713.70 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is non-refundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders

will be returned to them.

The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extension will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due.

If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder.

There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant. The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure sale is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed.

The amount that must be paid in if the mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is \$207,793.47 as of May 9, 2025, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement.

Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below. Date: August 27, 2025

Mark A. Pickens, Foreclosure Commissioner for the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, P.O. Box 26101, Birmingham, AL 35260, (205)933-1169, (205)933-6929 facsimile, MAP#25-0062
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness described in and secured by the terms of that certain Construction Mortgage executed by RJ RESTORATION, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company, to 2LO, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company, dated February 3, 2022, and recorded on February 3, 2022, in Official Records Book

976, at Page 139, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama; and said default continuing; and the undersigned holder of said mortgage having declared the entire indebtedness due and payable in accordance with the terms and conditions of said mortgage, notice is hereby given that the undersigned, 2LO, LLC, will, under the terms of said mortgage, sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder in front of the Courthouse door of Coffee County, Alabama, in Enterprise, Coffee County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on Thursday, October 16, 2025, the following described property:

A lot or parcel of land lying on the north side of West Lee Street in the City of Enterprise, Coffee County, Alabama, and being a part of the NW1/4 of the NE1/4, Section 20, T4N, R22E; and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the point where the north boundary line of West Lee Street intersects the east boundary line of the NW1/4 of the NE1/4, Section 20, T4N, R22E, thence running S 53°53' W along the north boundary line of West Lee Street for a distance of 102.6' to the point of beginning, thence continuing S 53°53' W for a distance of 140.4' to a point, thence running S 33°45' W along the north boundary line of West Lee Street for a distance of 53.4 feet to a point, thence running N 62°55' W for a distance of 132.5' to a point in the run of a branch, thence running in a northeasterly direction along run of said branch for a distance of 252.5', thence running S 37°34' E for a distance of 125.5' to the point of beginning.

This property will be sold on an as is, where is basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate of the county where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. *Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.* This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation; contact H. Samuel Prim, III at the phone number shown below prior to attendance at sale.

Dated this 4th day of September, 2025.

2LO, LLC:

BY: H. Samuel Prim, III

Prim & Mendheim, LLC

Attorney for Mortgagee

103 Jamestown Boulevard

Dothan, Alabama 36302

(334) 671-9555

(File No.: 25-1083)

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STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF GENEVA NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage and security agreement executed by CRAIG EDWARD SUYDAN and JENNIFER B. SUYDAN A/K/A JENNIFER LUCILLE NUNNERY SUYDAN, husband and wife, on the 26th day of April 2022, to 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as recorded in OFFREC Book 1154, Page 304, in the office of the Probate Judge of Geneva County, Alabama; 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as Mortgagee, by reason of such default having declared all of the

indebtedness secured by said mortgage and security agreement due and payable and such default continuing, notice is hereby given that, acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and security agreement, and as authorized by Section 7-9A-604(a) (2) of the Code of Alabama of 1975 as amended, 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as Mortgagee, will sell at public outcry, for cash to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door, in the City of Geneva, Geneva County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on October 15, 2025, the following described real and personal property situated in Geneva County, Alabama, to-wit:

A lot or parcel of land located in Geneva County, Alabama, as surveyed by Andrew Bush Surveying, LLC, dated November 2, 2018, and being more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at a found 1/2 inch rebar capped 9987 (FRB) marking the intersection of the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 33, Township 3 North, Range 24 East and the Southerly right of way of Corbin Road (60 ft. Prescriptive Right of Way) and being the Southeast corner of Glover Lot (Deed Book 405, Page 283); thence leaving said right of way and across road - along an existing fence North 02°15'45" East a distance of 798.12 feet to a found 1/2 inch iron pipe capped "26952" (SIP), which is the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence leaving said fence North 89°39'09" West a distance of 883.79 feet to SIP; thence North 00°56'03" East a distance of 900.67 feet to a SIP; thence South 89°39'09" East a distance of 883.79 feet to a SIP located along said fence (purported East line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 33, Township 3 North, Range 24 East); thence along said fence/forty line South 00°56'03" West a distance of 900.67 feet, which is the POINT OF BEGINNING.

INCLUDING a security interest in one (1) 2022 Timbercreek manufactured home, Serial No. TCHA-L0100013A22 and Serial No. TCHAL0100013B22; together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging and all fixtures now attached to and used in connection with the premises herein described. This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the office of the Judge of Probate of the county where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

Said sale will be made subject to any existing Federal Tax Lien, if any, and/or Special Assessments, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the subject property.

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by the above-described mortgage, and the proceeds thereof will be applied as provided by the terms of the said mortgage. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation; contact Margery Oglesby at the phone number shown below prior to attending the sale.

Kristofer D. Sodergren Attorney for 21ST Mortgage Corporation

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our oldest grandson Lawson and some of his friends celebrated his birthday over the weekend at a jump park in Dothan, and while they jumped on trampolines, climbed ropes and rocks, and walked high above the ground hooked with a safety harness, I was more than comfortable sitting with the older folks and enjoying the day. If I fall hard enough I may bounce, but never intentionally.

For what it is worth...

*** While most Elba Tiger fans probably won't admit it, their worst fears came true last week as the Tigers slipped to 0-4 on the season and lost to Kinston for the first time ever. Everyone knew the Tigers would be in a rebuilding year after losing 27 seniors the past two seasons and having only a handful of players back that played roles in the two ultra-successful campaigns. However, no one expected an 0-4 start, and with all due respect to Kinston, no one expected a loss to their cross-county rivals. While I'll admit Elba's football fortunes don't look very promising after four weeks of action, history does have a habit of repeating itself and if that is the case this season the Elba Tigers may actually have history on their side. Back in 1986, the Tigers owned a 1-4 record at the midway point in the season and appeared to be headed for a losing season, but never gave up and turned things around as they went on a nine-game winning streak and made it all the way to the state championship game. Almost a decade later, the Tigers started the 1993 season with a 1-3 record and again appeared destined to miss the playoffs, but again dug down deep and ended up advancing to the third round of the post-season playoffs. I'm not sure if the youthful Tigers can repeat history again this season, but facts are facts, and it has been done before!

As for the loss to Kinston, the Elba offense turned in its best performance of the season as it rolled up over 400 yards in total offense, averaged over 10 yards per carry running the ball, and passed for 135 yards. The offense showed its had two quality running backs in Tyceson Davis and Cassidy Carpenter, as well as a burner in Reggie Gilbert, and also proved it could be throw the ball effectively. The offense did hurt itself with ten penalties, but overcame its mistakes to put points on the scoreboard and probably played well enough to win. The defense was another story; however, as it continued to get lit up and surrounded over 400 yards in total offense, with 365 yards of offense coming from just two players. The defense came up with three stops that were all huge, but helped Kinston's offense keep drives alive as three major distance penalties helped keep alive three Kinston scoring drives. Until the defense can come up with stops on a more consistent basis the Tigers will find wins hard to come by!

*** It was a pretty good week for the county teams as Kinston claimed an historic win, New Brockton showed off its offense and Zion Chapel battled for all four quarters in a hard fought region loss. ** The Kinston Bulldogs drove the length of the field in the closing minutes to defeat Elba 42-34 for the first time ever. The Bulldogs rolled up over 400 yards on offense and scored on every trip inside the red zone to pull off the win, which also evened their region slate at 1-1. ** New Brockton got its offense back on track and needed every point in an exciting 36-33 win over Daleville. The Gamecocks are off to a 3-1 start, 1-1 in region play, and have a shot to post one of their best seasons in a long time if they keep working hard and improving each and every week. ** Zion Chapel battled Highland Home on every snap throughout all four quarters in a 20-14 region loss. The Rebels never backed down despite being heavy underdogs to a team they lost to last season 63-0, and with a break or two could have easily pulled out the win as they continue to prove to be a solid 2A contender.

*** It was another interesting week for high school football fans across the state, and here is a quick look back at the week that was.... (1A) Sweet Water remained winless with a 40-13 loss to Leroy, while McKenzie opened up a 50-0 halftime lead over Georgiana and coasted in with a 50-7 win with the clock running non-stop, and

Floralia jumped in the win column with a 34-18 win over much-improved Pleasant Home. (2A) Luverne continued to pile up the points in a 68-6 romp past winless Pike Lib, while G.W. Long outscored Geneva County 55-42 in one of the wildest games of the week, and Arton continued to look like the top 2A team in the area with a 41-24 win over Abbeville. (3A) Houston Academy made a statement that it is still a team to reckon with in a 56-0 blowout of Slocomb, while Glenwood remained on a roll with a 49-12 win over Childersburg, and Coach Marc Sieving's Northside Methodist Knights battled for all four quarters in a 34-14 loss to Prattville Christian. (4A) Coach Ed Rigby's Opp Bobcats remained undefeated with an impressive 29-22 road win over Pike County, while Straughn claimed a big 22-19 region win over Dale County, and Geneva saw its struggles continue with a 38-7 loss to Ashford. (5A) Andalusia remained on a roll after a season opening loss to Enterprise with a solid 42-21 win over Greenville, while Charles Henderson claimed its third straight win with a 30-15 victory over winless Carroll, and Eufaula opened some eyes with a 40-21 romp past Headland. (6A) Pike Road continued to be a consistent winner with a 29-6 victory over Wetumpka, while Saraland demolished Spanish Fort 54-7, and sudden 6A power Russell County rolled to a 56-22 win over Percy Julian. (7A) One week after hanging 69 points on Enterprise, Dothan gave up 56 points in the first half in a 56-28 loss to Central of Phenix City, while Enterprise was competitive in a 23-7 loss to Auburn, and Hoover, once a national power, slipped to 1-3 and 0-2 in its region with a 17-14 loss to Hewitt-Trussville.

*** It was another pretty good week for area college fans as both Alabama and Auburn posted wins, while Troy lost for the second straight week. The Crimson Tide junked the run in a solid 38-14 win over previously unbeaten Big Ten member Wisconsin and will now get a week off before its season defining trip to Georgia. Auburn did what it had to do in a less than exciting 31-15 win over South Alabama, but is sitting at 3-0 with wins that all the fans on the plains expected. Troy lost to Memphis 28-7 and also lost its quarterback, which could lead to future struggles for the Trojans.

*** Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator was still shaking his head over Elba's loss to Kinston when he stopped by over the weekend, but did manage a smile when he made sure I knew he went 29-2 last week on his prep picks. The local guesspert may just be on a roll after a slow start, and with some real toss-ups this week we should know pretty soon. Here is this week's fearless forecast

ELBA VS. BRANTLEY

The Pea River felines are beginning to look a little skinny after going four weeks without a victory dinner, and this week will be looking to just survive when a pack of dogs that escaped the pound come hunting a free meal. While the dogs have had an easy time finding food the last two weeks, something tells me the skinny felines may be a little too fast for the dogs to catch. In an upset....

ELBA 28 BRANTLEY 26

In key region match-up

Tigers brace for battle with Brantley

The Elba Tigers will be back on the friendly turf of Mack Wood Field for the first time in three weeks Friday night and will be looking to pull out of an early-season slump when they host the Brantley Bulldogs, in a key region match-up for both teams.

Elba will bring an 0-4 record into the clash after losses to Luverne 56-0, Glenwood 49-6, McKenzie 50-20 and Kinston 42-34, while Brantley will enter the game with a 2-1 record with wins over Pleasant Home 6-0 and Red Level 36-20, and a season-opening 75-0 loss to Luverne.

"Brantley has a young football team like us that ran into a very good Luverne team early in the season and lost big," stated Elba's Coach Jon Cooper, "but it has gotten better and better in the last two games and will bring a 2-0 region record into Friday night's game. Brantley has done a good job identifying the things it can do well, and has really improved to be the

best it can be. I know they will come down here like everyone else looking to pay us back for the past couple of seasons, and expect them to play their best game of the season."

"On offense Brantley is a spread team that is comfortable both running and throwing the ball," added Cooper. "They are athletic and have some quality backs and receivers, and have a line that plays hard. Over on defense they run a 4-4, with a cover three, and their number one goal is to stop the run. They load the box to take away the run, and are very basic and do a good job. It is more of a traditional team on both sides of the ball that plays hard and feeds off the tradition of the program."

"For us to win Friday night we will just have to keep improving on both sides of the ball and not

ZION CHAPEL VS. LUVERNE

The troops from up at Fort Jack will leave a day early on a hunt for a litter of kitties that have been making life miserable for anyone that dares challenge their lair. The troops will have their traps set looking to bag enough kitties to call the hunt a success, but the guess here is they will head back to the fort with more than just a few scratches on their uniforms.

LUVERNE 32 ZION CHAPEL 7

KINSTON VS. GEORGIANA

The bulldogs from down near the county line will also hit the field a day earlier than usual as they celebrate homecoming against a perennial power from up in the woods. If the bulldogs remember last year's 48-0 whipping and play their best a big region win could give their fans lots to cheer about. In another upset....

KINSTON 34 GEORGIANA 32

NEW BROCKTON VS. DALE COUNTY

The fighting birds from over behind the factory were crowing loud last weekend after a last-second win and this week will be looking to flap their wings again when they tangle with a tribe of warriors from over in the wiregrass. The warriors will be in a bad mood after a couple of unexpected early-season losses, and may have a cookout planned late Friday night.

DALE COUNTY 21 NEW BROCKTON 20

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- Andalusia 21 Pace 10
- Ariton 35 G.W. Long 14
- McKenzie 55 Florala 20
- Pike Lib 34 Barbour County 6
- Trinity 28 Slocomb 14
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- Providence Christian 42 Geneva County 12
- Cottonwood 35 Samson 14
- Pike County 28 Ashford 26
- Wetumpka 27 Rehobeth 14
- Eufaula 40 Carroll 13
- Montgomery Catholic 21 Charles Henderson 14
- Goshen 27 Highland Home 20
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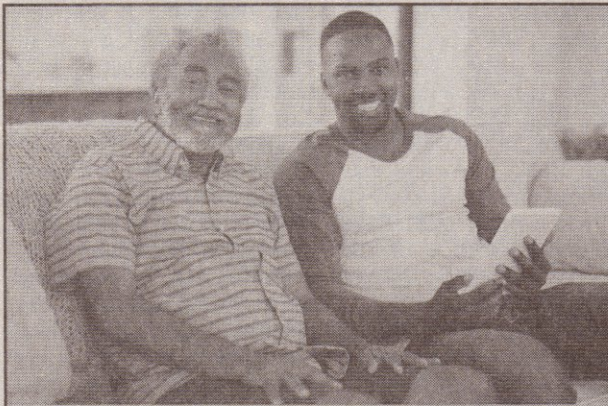
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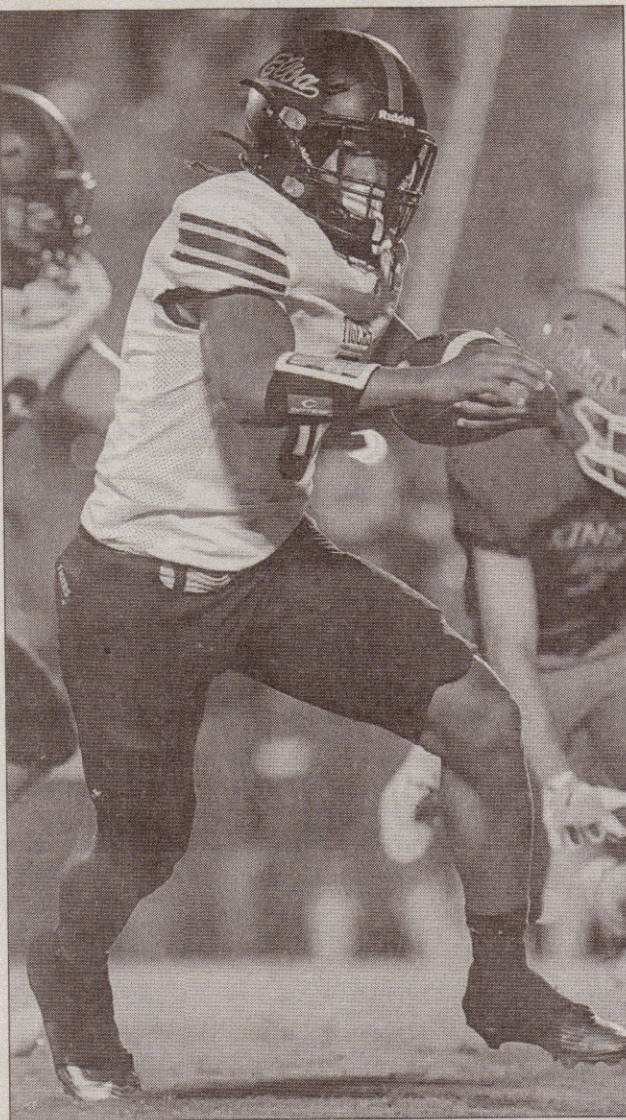
a team," added Cooper. "Our players took the loss last week hard. It hurt them to lose a game they believe they should have won, and that shows they care. Our offense has gotten better the last two weeks and during the last two games every skill player on the team has caught a pass. We have seen our backs get better and run hard on every carry, but again we have to stop making mistakes and do what we know we can do. On defense we have to tackle better and make plays to let our offense get back on the field. Last week we made so many mistakes in key situations that let Kinston maintain control and put points on the scoreboard. It was the result of not knowing assignments, not making tackles and making penalties. We are going to keep working hard at practice, and know that we will have to block and tackle better to win games. I just hope our fans will realize that no one on the field makes mistakes on purpose, and every player that is working hard at practice is also playing hard on Friday nights. Let our players know they have the support of the fans and that we are getting better and will make them proud with our effort, even if the results on the scoreboard aren't what we work for."

Elba owns a 35-12 series edge over Brantley that began in 1928 and has included games in every decade except the 1980's. The Tigers have won five of the last six meetings, including a wild 57-53 win a year ago.

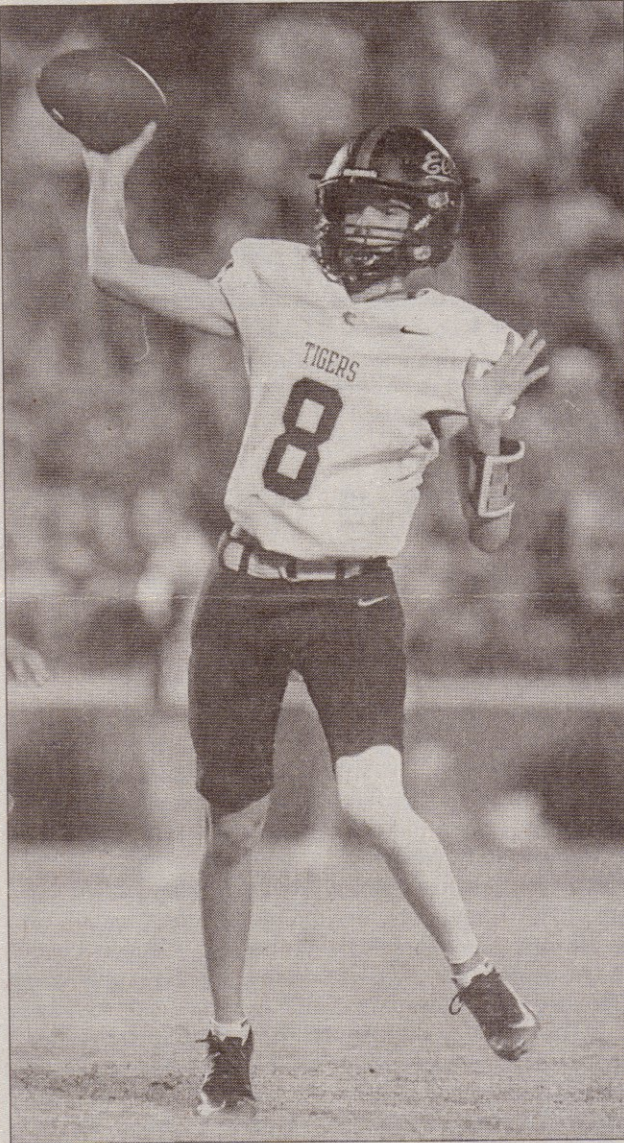
The game will begin at 7:00 pm and Elba High School will honor all military veterans at the game.

Admission to all Elba Tiger hoe games is \$10 per person and may be paid in cash at the gate or in advance at GOFAN.com

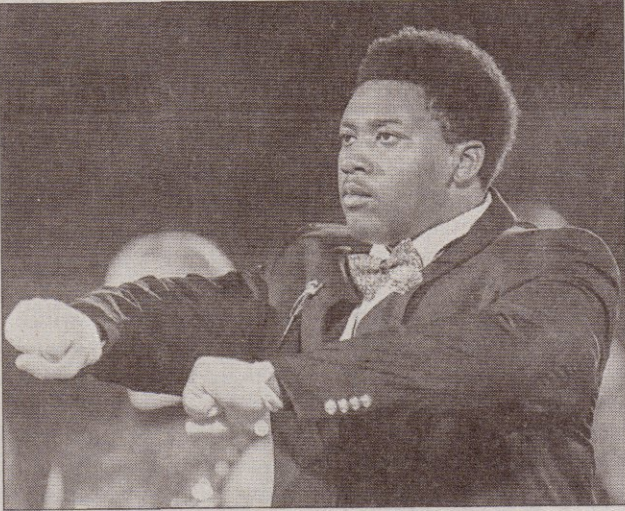
SPORTS NEWS



Elba Tiger Tyceson Davis (6) rushed for 105 yards and 2 touchdowns in last week's 42-34 region road loss to the Kinston Bulldogs.



Elba Tiger Easton McKelvy (8) prepares to throw a pass. McKelvy rushed for 135 yards last week in a region loss to Kinston.



Elba Marching Tiger Band drum major Jalin Horstead leads the award winning band during halftime last week at Kinston.

Tigers take a tumble in Kinston 42-34

By, Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Statistics by J.W. Adcock
Photos by Colby Capps and Linda Hodge

The Elba Tigers saw their victory drought continue Friday night with a wild 42-34 region road loss to the Kinston Bulldogs.

Kinston go on the scoreboard first as the Bulldogs drove 55 yards in five plays to reach the endzone. Judd Green rushed for 33 yards on three carries and scored the touchdown on a 5-yard run, while Jon Simmons ran in the two-point conversion to put Kinston on top 8-0 with 10:00 left in the first quarter.

Elba had a quick answer for the Kinston score as the Tigers went 52 yards in six plays to pull even. Tyceson Davis rushed for 41 yards on four carries and scored the Tiger touchdown on a 5-yard burst up the middle, while Skylar Mitchell ran in the two-point conversion as Elba caught the Bulldogs at 8-8 with 4:16 remaining in the quarter.

Kinston wasted little time regaining the lead as the Bulldogs went 56 yards in 11 plays on their ensuing possession to cross the goal line. Jon Simmons rushed for 23 yards to help lead the Bulldogs down the field, while Judd Green rushed for 10 yards, pulled in a 7-yard pass and scored his second td of the night on a 1-yard run. Simmons passed to Jackson Cowen for the two-point conversion as Kinston went on top 16-8 with 10:20 left in the second quarter.

Elba turned the ball over on its next offensive series, but regained possession on a rare defensive stop and drove 64 yards in only four plays to cut into the deficit. Tyceson Davis rushed for 53 yards on three carries and scored the Tiger touchdown on a 14-yard gallop, and while a two-point conversion failed to produce points, Elba had pulled within 16-14 with 6:23 remaining in the quarter.

Elba regained possession on an on-sides kick and this time went 48 yards five plays to take its first lead of the game. Easton McKelvy completed two passes for 49 yards to spark the scorjrg drive, with the Tiger touchdown coming on a 20-yard td toss to Jayden Baker. McKelvy passed to Levi Martin for the two-point conversion, and with 3:48 left in the half the Tiger were on top 22-16.

Kinston received the second half kickoff and covered 61 yards in only three plays to catch the Tigers. The Bulldog score came on a 49-yard pass from Jon Simmons to Judd Green, and while a two-point play failed to add points, Kinston had pulled even at 22-22 with 10:20 left in the third quarter.

Elba wasted little time going back on top as the Tigers went 51 yards in six plays to reach the endzone. The Tiger touchdown came on a 26-yard run by Reggie Gilbert, and even though a two-point play failed to produce points, the Tigers were ahead 28-22 with 7:53 remaining in the quarter.

Kinston wasn't fazed by the sudden Elba score and in just three plays caught the Tigers, again. A 57-yard pass from Jon Simmons to Easton Parker was a key play in the scoring drive, with the score coming on a 2-yard run by Lucas Farris. A two-point run failed to find the goal line, but with 6:30 left in the quarter the score was tied at 28-28.

The game's next three offensive series failed to produce points. However, Kinston began a possession near midfield midway through the fourth quarter and marched 54 yards in 10 plays and ate up almost eight minutes off the clock to move back in front. Jon Simmons rushed for 34 yards on five carries to spark the Bulldogs, and it was Simmons that scored the Kinston td on a 5-yard run. A two-point try again failed, but with 2:43 left on the clock Kinston was back on top 34-28.

Elba stunned the Bulldogs on its ensuing possession as it took the Tigers only two plays to go 80 yards and pull even on the scoreboard. The Tiger touchdown came on a 58-yard spring down the sidelines by Reggie Gilbert, and while an extra-point attempt failed, Elba was back even at 34-34 with 2:07 remaining on the clock.

Kinston began its final possession of the night at its own 16-yardline after a penalty on the kick off and promptly went 84 yards in less than two minutes to regain the lead, this time for good! A 23-yard run by Lucas Farris got the long scoring drive off to a fast start, while Jon Simmons completed two passes for 51 yards and scored the Bulldog touchdown on an 8-yard dash around the right end. Simmons passed to Easton Parker for a two-point conversion, as Kinston took a 42-34 lead with only 16-seconds left on the clock.

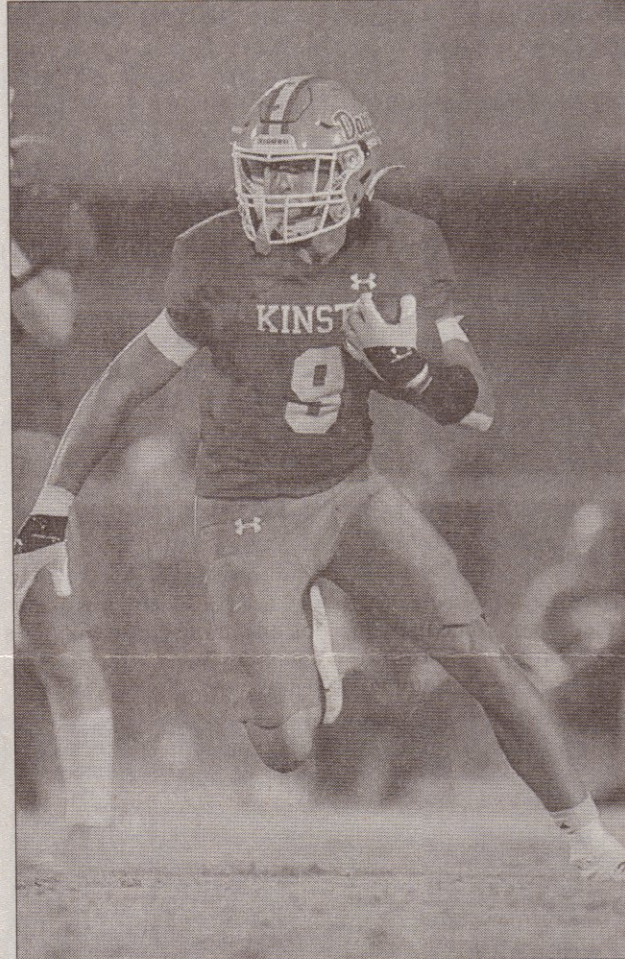
Elba moved near midfield on its final possession, but heard the horn sound as a third down pass hit the ground as Kinston held on for the wild 42-34 region win.

Tyceson Davis rushed for 105 yards and two touchdowns on 11 carries to lead Elba on the ground, while Reggie Gilbert added 84 yards and two td's on just two carries, Easton McKelvy added 54 yards on eight carries and Cassidy Carpenter rushed for 29 yards on three carries. McKelvy completed 10 of 18 passes, with one interception, for 135 yards and one td, with Jayden Baker pulling in two catches for 49 yards and one td, Levi Martin pulling in 5 catches for 36 yards and Ky'Avian Stoudemire pulling in two catches for 36 yards.

Jon Simmons rushed for 120 yards and two touchdowns on 21 carries and completed 6 of 12 passes for 165 yards and one td to lead the Kinston offense, while Judd Green rushed for 80 yards and two td's on 18 carries and caught four passes for 75 yards and one td.



Kinston Bulldog Jon Simmons (15) rushed for 120 yards and passed for 165 yards last week in a 42-34 region win over Elba.

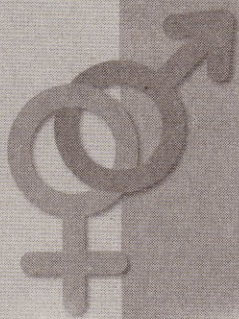


Kinston Bulldog Judd Green (9) looks for running room. Green rushed for 80 yards and two td's in last week's 42-34 win over Elba.



Kinston Bulldog Marching Band performed last week during halftime festivities at the Kinston-Elba football game.

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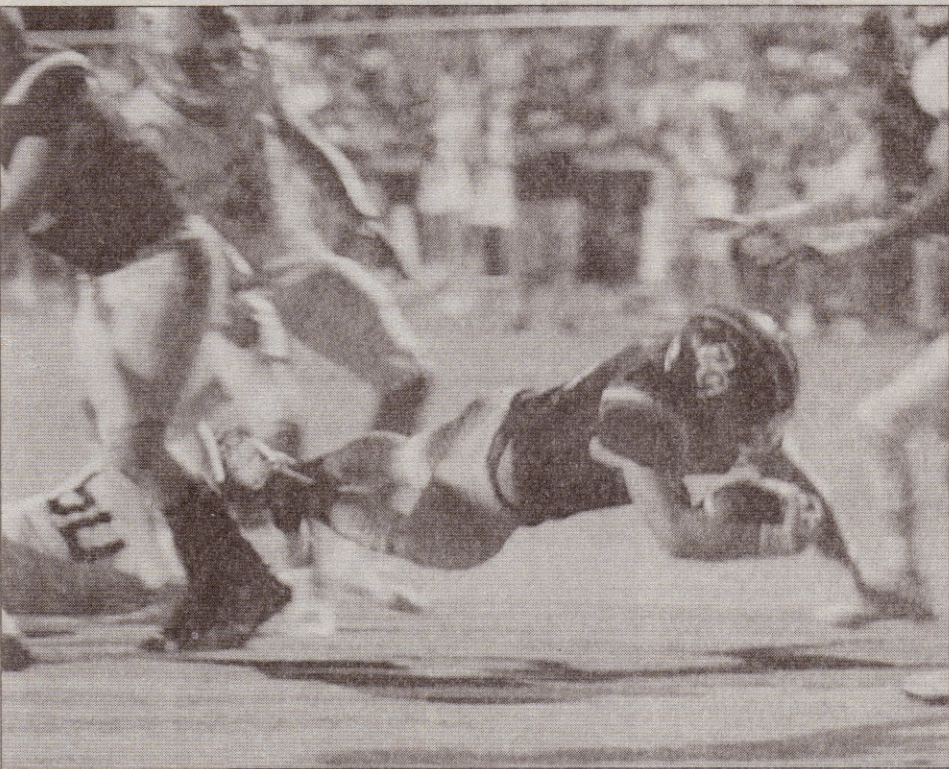
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Zion Chapel Rebel Brayden Benbow dives across the goalline in last week's region battle against the Highland Home Flying Squadron.

AREA FOOTBALL PREVIEW

The high school football regular season will reach its midway point this week with a schedule that includes a pair of Thursday night region battles.

Following are previews of this week's games:

(Thursday)
Zion Chapel at Luverne

The Zion Chapel Rebels will face on of the state's top 2A teams for the third straight week on Thursday night when they head to Luverne to tangle with the third-ranked Luverne Tigers. The Rebels are 0-9 all-time against the Tigers and lost 41-20 a year ago in the series that began back in 2012. Zion Chapel will bring a 2-2 record into the clash after claiming wins over Kinston 28-0 and Ellwood Christian 44-0, and losing to region foes Goshen 31-21 and Highland Home 20-14. Luverne is off to one of its best starts ever

and will bring a 3-0 record into the contest with wins over Elba 56-0, Brantley 75-0 and Pike Liberal Arts 68-6.

Georgiana at Kinston

The Kinston Bulldogs will be looking to take a giant step toward a playoff berth and give their fans something to cheer about at homecoming Thursday night when they host the Georgiana Panthers, in a key region clash for both teams. The Bulldogs are 5-10 all-time against the Panthers and lost 48-0 a year ago in a series that began in 2010. Kinston will carry a 2-2 record into the battle with wins over Geneva County 34-16 and Elba 42-34 and losses to Zion Chapel 28-0 and Red Level 29-22, while Georgiana will bring a 1-3 record into the region match-up with a win over Florala 38-28 and losses

to Greenville 34-6, Ariton 44-13 and McKenzie 50-7.

(Friday)

New Brockton at Dale County

The New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking to pick up a big region road win Friday night when they travel to Midland City to battle the Dale County Warriors. The Gamecocks are 0-1 all-time against the Warriors and lost last season 49-0, in the first meeting ever between the new region rivals. New Brockton will bring a 3-1 record into the contest with wins over Pike Liberal Arts 24-7, Slocomb 48-24 and Daleville 36-33, and a lone loss to Opp 49-7. Dale County will enter the game with a 2-2 record, with wins over G.W. Long 25-0 and Ashford 19-12, and losses to Headland 33-20 and Straughn 22-19.

Zion Chapel Rebels drop region battle with Highland Home 20-14

From combined reports
Photos by, Amanda Clark

The Zion Chapel Rebels saw their record slip to 2-2, 0-2 in region play, with a hard fought 20-14 loss to the Highland Home Flying Squadron, Friday night at Green Memorial Stadium.

Highland Home grabbed a 6-0 lead in the first quarter and carried a 14-0 lead in at intermission after adding a second quarter score. Zion Chapel pulled within 14-6 in the third quarter on a 2-yard run by John Foster Hamm, only to see Highland Home find the endzone again and up its lead to 20-6 late in the quarter.

Brayden Benbow plowed his way into the endzone from 10 yards out midway through the fourth quarter and also ran in a two-point conversion to pull the Rebels within 20-14. Zion Chapel brought its large crowd to their feet when Benbow recovered an on-sides kick on the ensuing kickoff at the Highland Home 48-yardline. However, this time the Rebels failed to find their way back to the endzone as they dropped the 20-14 decision.

Zion Chapel rushed for 162 yards and passed for 64 yards to roll up 226 yards in total offense, but was successful on only 2 of 10 third down conversions and suffered three turnovers.

Highland Home rushed for 202 yards and passed for 113 yards to roll up 315 yards in total offense.



Zion Chapel Rebel John Foster Hamm (2) turns the corner in last week's region clash with Highland Home.

Outscore Daleville 36-33

Gamecocks win a wild one

Statistics by, Brandon White

Photos by, Linda Hodge

The New Brockton Gamecocks played 'beat the clock' in the final seconds of last week's region battle against the Daleville War Hawks, and when the clock reached :00 it was the Gamecocks that began the celebration as they escaped with an exciting 36-33 win, at Gamecock Stadium.

New Brockton jumped out to a 6-0 lead with 1:47 left in the first quarter when Conner Leuci scored on a 2-yard run to cap a seven-play, 62-yard drive, sparked by a 35-yard run by Anthony Silar. However, Daleville bounced right back and scored early in the second quarter on a 34-yard run by Montez Moore and an extra-point by Alex Butcher to slip ahead 7-6.

A 72-yard pass from Wesley Creel to Leuci sparked a 95-yard scoring drive late in the half, and New Brockton scored on a 14-yard pass from Creel to Cayden Wallace with 33-seconds left on the clock, and added a two-point run by Marquez Henderson to carry a 14-7 lead in at the half.

Daleville scored on its initial possession of the second half on a 10-yard run by Ja'Veon McLeod and the extra-point by Butcher to pull even at 14-14 with 9:56 left in the third quarter, and then cashed in a Gamecock turnover on a 38-yard run by McLeod and the extra-point by Butcher to go on top 21-14 with 7:10 remaining in the stanza.

New Brockton went 52 yards in 11 plays on in its ensuing possession, led

by the running of Bryant Crumpler, and regained the lead at 22-21 with 21-seconds left in the third quarter when Anthony Silar scored from one yard out, and also ran in the two-point conversion.

Daleville answered right back with a 4-yard touchdown run by McLeod to move back on top 26-22 with 9:54 remaining in the fourth quarter, but the Gamecocks again responded and this time went 71 yards in eight plays to take the lead back. Wesley Creel rushed for 23 yards and tossed a 21-yard pass completion to speak the scoring drive, and it was Creel that crossed the goal line on a 9-yard dash to put New Brockton ahead 28-26 with 5:53 still left on the clock.

Daleville again had an answer for the Gamecock score as the War Hawks scored on a 51-yard sprint by McLeod and added the extra-point by Butcher to grab a 33-28 advantage with 4:49 left in the quarter.

New Brockton began its game-winning drive at its on 40-yardline, and the Gamecocks went 60 yards in eight plays and ate up over four minutes off the clock to pull off the win. The final points of the night came on a 17-yard run by

Bryant Crumpler and a two-point conversion by Creel, and at the final horn the Gamecocks celebrated with the 36-33 win.

Wesley Creel rushed for 31 yards and one touchdown and completed 9 of 17 passes for 149 yards and one td to lead the Gamecock offense, while Anthony Silar rushed for 56 yards and one td on 11 carries, Conner Leuci rushed for 54 yards and one td on 10 carries, Bryant Crumpler rushed for 54 yards and one td on 10 carries, and Marquez Henderson rushed for 37 yards on seven carries.

Anthony Silar led the New Brockton receivers with 4 catches for 23 yards, while Conner Leuci had 1 catch for 72 yards, Cayden Wallace had 1 catch for 14 yards and 1 td, Gabriel Dean had 1 catch for 21 yards and Aden Barkley had 1 catch for 15 yards.

Cooper Medley had 7 tackles, with two tackles for a loss, to spark the New Brockton defense, while Bryant Crumpler added 7 tackles with one tackle for a loss, Noah Moore added 6 tackles and one tackle for a loss, Peyton Collins added 5 tackles, and Cayden Wallace and Anthony Silar both had a pass interception.



New Brockton Gamecock fans have had a reason to cheer all season as the Gamecocks have posted a 3-1 record.



New Brockton Gamecock Marching Band keeps the fans fired up.



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Zion Chapel at Highland Home JR-JV-V 4:00
New Brockton at Straughn MD-JV-V 4:00

Saturday, Sept. 20
(Volleyball)
Northside Methodist JV Tournament
Ariton Varsity Tournament
Providence Christian JV Tournament

Monday, Sept. 22
(Volleyball)
Kinston at Zion Chapel JR-JV-V 4:00
New Brockton at Charles Henderson JV-V 4:00

(Football)
Elba at Pike County JV 6:00
G.W. Long at Zion Chapel JV 6:00
Kinston at Samson JV 6:00
New Brockton at Opp Middle 5:00
New Brockton at Opp JV 6:30

Tuesday, Sept. 23
(Volleyball)
Luverne at Zion Chapel JR-JV-V 4:00
New Brockton at Pike County JV-V 4:00

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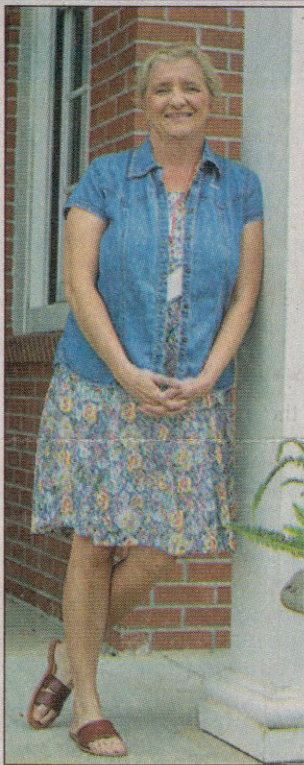
Teacher Spotlight: Kim Braisted

At Zion Chapel High School, the teachers are the heart and soul of the community.

This month, the Rebel News staff is thrilled to shine the spotlight on Mrs. Kim Braisted, a beloved teacher whose commitment to the school is truly inspiring.

A graduate of Troy University in 1998, Braisted has been an educator for 25 years, spending 18 of them at Zion Chapel. She is deeply involved in the community, sponsoring the junior class and Senior Beta, and leading the ZC robotics team for five years. The highlight of her career is planning the annual Veterans Day program, a role she takes on with pride.

Braisted's greatest joy is watching her students grow into responsible adult citizens. She loves teaching U.S. History and believes it is important to teach patriotism to the young people of this country. Her advice for aspiring teachers is that it is "not a job, but a way of



life, and that earning students' respect means showing them you care." Zion Chapel grateful for Mrs. Braisted and all she does. She has been a pillar of the community for a long time, and ZC is lucky to have her.

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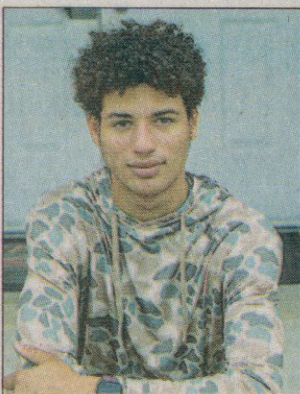


Congratulations to the Zion Chapel 2025-2026 Homecoming Court: Freshman Attendant - Emma Mason; Sophomore Attendant - Addyson Thompson; Junior Attendant - Hayden Duncan; and Senior Attendants - Alyssa Allen, Kaylee Hodge, and Emma Jo Smith. Zion Chapel's Homecoming Queen will be voted on by the student body from the three Senior Attendants, and she will be crowned during the Homecoming Pre-game Coronation set for Friday, Oct. 17, at 6:30 p.m.

Class of 2026 "Senior" Spotlight

It is time to shine some light on the incredible seniors who have left their mark on Zion Chapel. Today the feature focuses on Layton McCollough!

Layton is a valued member of the Zion Chapel Varsity Cheer team and has also participated in band, football, cross country, and basketball during his high school career. His favorite subjects are economics and government. Outside



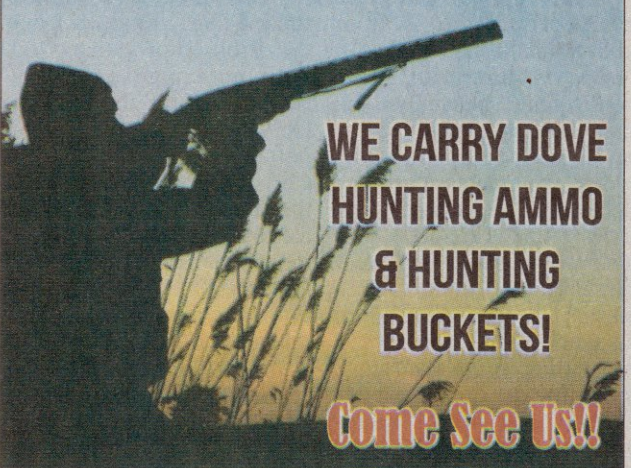
of school, he is involved with ACE Cheer in Dothan.

Following graduation, Layton plans to cheer in college while pursuing a degree in physical therapy. His goal is to eventually own his own physical therapy business and coach for ACE Cheer.

The highlight of his high school career has been the "family-like atmosphere" he experienced during

sports and homecoming. In addition to tumbling and spending time with friends, Layton is an active member of Mt. Olive Assembly of God and has served on the Rebel News staff for two years. Described as a positive and kind person, he is an upstanding member of the community.

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Upcoming Events at The Chapel...

- Friday Sept 19 - Teacher in service day - so there's no school for students!
- Monday Sept 22 - Volleyball will host Kinston and JV Football will host GW Long
- Tuesday Sept 23 - Volleyball will host Luverne
- Thursday, Sept 25 Kona Ice will be back on campus for Elementary students.
- Tuesday Sept 30 Seniors will attend the ESCC College fair.
- Make sure you're following us on social media! We have official accounts on Facebook and Instagram! Just search for Zion Chapel Rebel News!

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Public Announcement from the Evergreen Cemetery Board:

Our city cemeteries hold a special place in many of our hearts. These sacred grounds are home to Elba's founding fathers and a final resting place to many we hold dear.

We are asking for the relatives of these loved ones to help us in maintaining Evergreen Cemetery and Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. We are asking at this time, all non-permitted items be removed prior to October 1, 2025 or be subject to disposal by our maintenance crew. Permanent headstones and flower receptacles made of like material are currently the only permissible items per deed restrictions.

Non-conforming items included currently in the deeds are described as follows: No obstructions other than coping may be placed or erected at or around the margins of the above described lots lying East of Highway 189. Living plants are also prohibited. Artificial flowers must be utilized in conjunction with a permanently affixed vase or similar piece designed to secure said arrangements. Glass wear, memorial canvases, shepherd hooks, figurines, and other trinkets deemed breakable, or in any way affect the ability to maintain the site, are prohibited.

These restrictions run with the land and are necessary when using machinery for caretaker activities. For questions regarding items deemed allowable, please contact our sexton at 334-389-4458.

Sincerely,
Evergreen Cemetery Board

Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100 Year Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Elba has determined that the following proposed action under ADECA's CDBG program and Project Number LR-ED-PF-24-007 is located in the 100 Year Floodplain, and the City of Elba will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order(s) 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The proposed project includes installation of approximately 1,530 linear feet of water main, valves, water service, and seeding and erosion control. The project is located in less than an acre of floodplain. The project is located at and around 988 Highway 203 in Elba, Alabama in Coffee County.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplain and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplain can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplain, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of Elba at the following address on or before 10/3/2025: City of Elba, 200 Buford Street, Elba, AL 36323 and (334) 897-2333 Attention: Tom Maddox, Mayor. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 9 AM to 3 PM at 200 Buford Street. Comments may also be submitted via email at ramstrong@searpcdc.org.

9/18/2025

COMMUNITY NEWS

ROUND AND ABOUT w/ ERIA'S DAUGHTER 334-282-2200



SCRIPTURE : COLOSSIANS 3:2 KJV

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Mikayah Celeste Cason,
Shirley Coleman, Evelyn B.
Manning, Beatrice Belcher,
Sharron Fitch, Lavonne
Brooks, Nicole Duncan,
Kelly Phillips, Sevin
Cyshawn Cason

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Georgia Germany 9/5
Derrick "DJ" Belcher 9/5
Alene Robinson 9/5
Alex Wright 9/5
Richard Kyles 9/6
Iverson Kelley 9/7
Curtis Smith Jr. 9/8
Carter Cross 9/8
Melonie Lands 9/9
Brandy Caldwell 9/10

113th Annual Session of the Mulberry Missionary Baptist Women Convention

will convene at the Mulberry Missionary Baptist Educational Building, Hwy 84 West, Elba, on Saturday, Sept. 20, at 9:30 a.m.
Church enrollment - \$100.00
Mary H. Robinson
Mulberry District President is asking each Matron President to represent with \$100.00 or more as a special effort this year.

NOT ASKING

An old story tells of church in search of a new Minister. The officers were using a method that is unwise, generally speaking. A succession of ministers gave "trial sermons" after which a vote was taken to determine which one would be employed. Finally, a selection was made. A friend of one of the members asked how this particular choice came about, the reply was, "It wasn't so much how his trial sermon came out. No, our decision came because of how he prayed in public. He asked the Lord for bless-

ings and benefits none of those other fellows knew the Lord Had!" How true those other seven words in James 4:2 are! "Ye have not, because ye ask not." These words apply to many things besides prayer. We do not understand or do not care enough to investigate or explore in other words, to "ask" what really is a symphony concert? What is the difference between various coniferous trees the identifying characteristics of pine, spruce, balsam, hemlock, fir? God was present in the burning bush, but he did not speak to Moses until Moses turned aside to see why the bush burned and was not consumed (Exodus 3:1-4). In many ways God speaks to us only when we "ask". JG V.B.

QUESTION/ANSWER SESSION

Q/A for the week of 9/18/2025
Q) Which two disciples did Jesus send to prepare the Passover?
A) Peter and John - Luck 22:8
Q) What was Jesus' mood as He prayed in Gethsemane?
A) Sorrowful and very heavy - Matthew 26:37
Q) For what alleged crime was Jesus condemned to death?
A) Blasphemy - Mark 14:63,64

Thought to Remember

Trust God and do right.

QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF 9/25/2025

Answer the Questions
Q) Who was the only one worthy to open the book and loose the seals?
Q) What do the "goldenvials full of odors" represent?
Q) What negative experiences were part of the Thessalonians' lives?
Today is a good day! Be grateful
Eria's Daughter, Sue

He served as Elba's Mayor from 1988-1992

Fred Moore honored with 100th birthday celebration

Former Elba Mayor Fred Wilks Moore was honored Sunday, Sept. 14, with a 100th Birthday Celebration held at the Elba Theatre, located on the square in Elba.

Born Sept. 17, 1925, Moore served as mayor of Elba from 1988-1992. He is a World War II veteran having joined the Navy in 1945 at the age of 19. He served two years in Guam.

He proposed to his future wife, Emma Jean Daniels, while serving in Guam. The two were married May 24, 1946.

After WWII, Moore worked for a car dealership and then a furniture company. He joined the National Guard and rose to the rank of Motor Sergeant and was released after the conclusion of the Korean conflict.

Moore then returned to Elba and worked for Lindsey Thompson Furniture. He also returned to school in the evenings and received his high school diploma.

In 1955, Moore moved his family to Brantley where he was the owner of a gas station, but he returned to Elba in 1956 and got involved with the National Guard again as he helped organize a Guard unit in Brantley where he rose to the rank of First Sergeant. In 1963, he was promoted to Sergeant Major, and in 1968, he was promoted to Command Ser-

geant Major, the highest enlisted rank in the Army.

Moore also helped to establish a reserve unit in Elba and served as the unit's Command Sergeant Major.

In 1985, he started his own business in Elba. In 1988, he was elected to serve as Mayor of Elba for the next four years. He also served as Coffee County Coroner during his political career.

Moore was Elba's mayor during the 1990 flood where he helped the city overcome that devastating natural disaster and rebuild afterwards.

During his 100th birthday celebration last Sunday, Moore recalled many fond memories with his family and friends that stopped by to wish him a happy birthday. He joked that he might just hang around for another celebration in 10 years when he turns 110!

Several resolutions and proclamations were presented to Moore on Sunday recognizing his 100th birthday. He received proclamations from the Veterans Affairs Administration and the City of Elba as well as a resolution from the State of Alabama on behalf of Governor Kay Ivey.

In the proclamation from the City of Elba, current mayor Tom Maddox noted it has been proclaimed that



Elba Mayor Tom Maddox, standing, is shown presenting Fred Moore with an official Proclamation from the City of Elba honoring Mr. Moore's 100th birthday on Sept. 17, 2025, which was celebrated as Fred Moore Day in Elba.

Sept. 17, 2025 [Moore's 100th birthday] would be recognized at Fred Moore Day in Elba, Alabama. This received a round of applause from all attending the birthday celebration.

Special toasts were given by Linda Westbrook

- friendship toast; Larry Carter - legacy toast, and Tim Johnson - enlightened toast. Afterwards, 100 candles were lit on the official birthday cake, and everyone enjoyed this special dessert once "Happy Birthday" had been sung to Mr. Moore.

LEGAL NOTICES:

Continued from Pages 4 & 5

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of
**JIMMY ROGER
HUNDLEY, Deceased.**
Case No.: PR-2025-183

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary having been granted to Joey Roger Hundley as Personal Representative of the Estate of Jimmy Roger Hundley on the 9th day of September, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Done this the 9th day of September, 2025.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson,
Probate Judge
9/18, 25 & 10/2-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
**DONNA KAYE
SKELTON, DECEASED.**
CASE NO. PR-2025-184

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Tracy Steven Skelton and Troy Wayne Skelton, Co-Personal Representatives, on the 10th day of September, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate, Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. 9/18, 25 & 10/2-pd

Elba City Schools
**NOTICE OF SALE OF
SURPLUS SCHOOL
PROPERTY BY SEALED
BID**

Notice is hereby given that the Elba City Board of Edu-

cation will offer for sale, by sealed bid, certain real property owned by the Board and declared surplus.

Property Description:

5 acre lot on Adams Avenue - Coffee County Revenue Commission Parcel # 19 11 03 07 1 003 001.000 and parcel of land on Reynolds Avenue - Coffee County Revenue Commission Parcel # 49 11 03-07 1 001 030.000 (Properties listed are located in the Mulberry Heights Subdivision of Elba, Alabama and commonly known as Mulberry Park)

Minimum Bid: \$10,000.00

Bid Submission:

- All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "SEALED BID - SURPLUS PROPERTY".
- Bids must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 16, 2025 at the Elba City Board of Education Central Office, 131 Tiger Drive, Elba, Alabama 36323.
- Late bids will not be accepted.

Bid Opening:

Sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Elba City Board of Education Central Office, 131 Tiger Drive, Elba, Alabama 36323, on Friday, October 17, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Terms of Sale:

- "Buyer Beware" The property will be sold "AS IS, WHERE IS," without warranty of any kind.
- The successful bidder will be responsible for all closing costs, title insurance, and recording fees.
- An earnest money deposit (5% of bid amount, cashier's check) must accompany the bid. The deposit will be applied to the purchase price for the successful bidder, or returned to unsuccessful bidders.
- The Elba City Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any reason.

Contact Information:

Bid instructions and property information may be obtained at:
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9/18,25&10/2-chg.

What does the Bible say about... Giving?

Article written by Douglas Williams



"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him" (1 Corinthians 16:2).

"Give, and it shall be given unto you: good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom" (Luke 6:38).

"Every man according as he purposes in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above" (James 1:17).

God is our great, good, benevolent, heavenly Father, giving so much for us in our daily lives. God provides the material things necessary to sustain our lives (Acts 17:24-31) and also provides every spiritual blessing in Christ (Ephesians 1:3). Since God gives so much for us, we should be willing to freely return a portion in our giving to support His work. Malachi 3:10 says if we give as we should, God will "open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." And yet we are sometimes stingy and covetous, not wanting to hear what the Bible teaches about giving.

The Bible teaches that we are to worship God "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:23-24), and that on the Lord's day our worship is to consist of singing, praying, teaching, the Lord's supper,

and the contribution or our giving. Please note that both the Lord's supper and our giving are to be done on the Lord's day, or the first day of the week, which is Sunday. Some religious groups do not observe the Lord's supper every week, but never fail to take up a contribution. In Acts 20:7 and 1 Corinthians 16:2, the Bible uses the same words to describe when we are to give and to partake of the Lord's supper, that is, "Upon the first day of the week."

Also, some have various fundraising activities, but the Bible shows that God does not approve of any fundraising for the church; God's work is to be supported by the offerings of Christians. All examples in the New Testament show clearly that God's way of meeting financial needs for His work is by the contribution of its members (1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 8 and 9). Financial support for family life and responsibility is different from the church and may be obtained in any legitimate way.

"If any man speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God" (1 Peter 4:11). Let us speak where the Bible speaks, and be silent where the Bible is silent, calling Bible things by Bible names, and doing Bible things in Bible ways."

*** Douglas Williams is a Church of Christ minister and former resident of Elba, Ala. He and his wife, Glenda, currently reside in Montgomery, Ala.*

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